Title: **Need to set up an Indian Institute of Technology in Andhra Pradesh- Laid.**

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY (KHAMMAM) : There are eight IITs imparting higher technical education in the country, situated in Delhi, Kharagpur, Mumbai, Chennai, Kanpur, Guwahati, Roorke and Dhanbad. There is fierce competition for entry to these institutes. In the whole of Southern Region comprising Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra and even Orissa and Madhya Pradesh, there is only on IIT at Chennai. From Andhra Pradesh alone over 15,000 students compete for entry to the prestigious institute. With fast industrial, trade and commercial development, including development in the field of information technology in Andhra Pradesh, the need and demand for higher technical education are increasing fast; and there is a pressing need for opening another IIT in Andhra Pradesh. Government of Andhra Pradesh has already set apart some 1000 acres of land in Basara in Adilabad. The Legislative Assembly of Andhra Pradesh has already adopted a resolution to send a team to Prime Minister to impress on him the need for new IIT in the State.

I shall request the Prime Minister and the Minister of Human Resource Development to consider the pressing public demand and take steps for opening of the new IIT in Andhra.